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The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—razor-sharp claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. With those long-lost memories returned to him, Wolverine has set out on a mission to punish the conspirators who have wronged him.

Now, Logan has finally caught up with the mysterious figure known only as Romulus, the man who has been secretly manipulating him his entire life.

Over the course of the epic battle that ensued, Logan learned that Romulus's grand scheme was for Logan and Daken —Logan's dangerously misguided son—to fight to the death, determining who would take Romulus's place at the top of the food chain. But Logan knows that even if he kills Romulus, he will be playing into Romulus's ultimate plan…and Daken will inevitably come for him, forcing Logan to kill his own son.

The only answer to the problem as Logan sees it is to destroy Romulus's empire. And to do it he's trying to enlist the aid of a few powerful individuals. Namely, Bruce Banner and his Hulk-like son Skaar who aren't sure they wanna buy what Logan's sellin'.

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SO I GOT THIS *PLAN...*

...IT AIN'T MINE, BUT THAT'S THE POINT. ANYTHING *I'D* COME UP WITH, *ROMULUS* WOULD FIGURE OUT AN' USE *AGAINST* ME.

OR WORSE, *FOR HIM.*

ALL MY LIFE, I THOUGHT I WALKED *MY OWN PATH.* I WAS WRONG. I'VE BEEN WALKIN' *HIS* PATH-- *ROMULUS'S.* AN' I DON'T KNOW NO OTHER WAY. THAT'S WHY I WENT *ELSEWHERE* TO FIND OUT WHAT TO *DO.*

IF IT *WORKS,* I'LL CATCH ROMULUS OFF GUARD AN' *KILL* THE SON OF A BITCH. BUT *FOR* IT TO WORK, I NEED TO CONVINCE SOME PEOPLE TO... *HELP* ME. SOME OF 'EM ARE GONNA BE HARDER'N OTHERS.

SOME ARE GONNA BE IMPOSSIBLE.

7 THE HARD WAY

PART TWO

MY SON HAS...

PROBLEMS...

THINK *YER* SON HAS PROBLEMS?

DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED...

MY SON'S PROBLEMS COULD POTENTIALLY DESTROY THE PLANET.

WELL, YA GOT ME *THERE*...

THE HULK WAS A *PART* OF ME--A PART I'VE NOW *LEFT BEHIND*. BUT MY SON, *SKAAR*...

...HE DOESN'T *HAVE* THAT OPTION.

UNLIKE ME, THE POWER OF THE HULK WASN'T *GRAFTED ON*--IT'S *INTEGRAL*. HE WASN'T "*MADE*," LIKE ME...HE WAS--

BORN INTO IT.

WITHOUT A CHOICE.

YEAH.

AND NOW HE'S ON THE VERGE OF MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES THAT I MADE.

BECOMING THE MONSTER THAT I WAS.

BUT I BELIEVE SKAAR CAN RISE *ABOVE* ALL OF THAT...PROVIDED HE LEARNS EARLY ON ALL THAT POWER CAN BE USED FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN JUST *SMASHING* THINGS. IT *CAN* BE USED FOR *GOOD.*

SURE IT CAN, LONG AS THE TARGET'S BIG ENOUGH--AN' *BAD* ENOUGH--TO JUSTIFY *USIN'* ALL THAT POWER...

AND YOUR TARGET *FITS* THAT DESCRIPTION?

BRUCE...

IF EVER THERE WALKED OR CRAWLED A CREATURE ON THIS *EARTH* THAT DESERVED TO FEEL *THAT KINDA PAIN...*

...IT'S *MY #$%*G# TARGET.*

WE GOT A *DEAL?*

NO.

NOT *YET*, WE DON'T.

IF I FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE *PLAYING* ME?

PLAYING *US?*

B-WOOM!

YEAH.

I GET THE PICTURE.

THEN YES.

WE HAVE A DEAL.

WHAT DO YOU NEED US TO DO?

TWO DOWN...

UTOPIA. HOME OF THE X-MEN.
THE NEXT DAY...

...THE *REST* TO GO.

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

SCOTT...

...WHEN'RE YA GONNA LEARN NOT TO ASK ME THAT?

WE'RE DONE HERE.

CLOAK.

LET'S TALK.

I NEED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR.

DON'T... BOTHER. THE ANSWER... IS *NO.*

WHAT YOU DO...IN YOUR SPARE TIME...IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS. I WANT...TO *KEEP* IT THAT WAY. JUST KNOW THAT I DON'T...*APPROVE* OF IT.

YOU DON'T APPROVE, OR...?

LISTEN TO ME, CLOAK--*THIS AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH X-FORCE.*

THAT... DOESN'T MATTER...

I THINK IT DOES--ESPECIALLY IF *DAGGER* WERE TO ASK YOU ABOUT IT.

WHICH SHE *NEVER WILL.*

BECAUSE SHE'LL *NEVER KNOW.*

I DON'T LIKE...KEEPING... *SECRETS...*

I AIN'T *ASKIN'* YA TO KEEP A SECRET.

ALL I'M *ASKIN'* FOR IS...

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

〈THIS COUNCIL OF THE *CLAN YASHIDA* IS CALLED TO ORDER.〉

〈WE SHALL NOW SPEAK OF *NEW BUSINESS.*〉

〈NO.〉

〈WE SHALL *NOT.*〉

〈WE HAVE *UNFINISHED* BUSINESS TO DISCUSS *FIRST.*〉

〈A COUNCIL MAJORITY HAS BEEN REACHED, *HARADA--THE ALLIANCE WITH TSURAYABA WILL BE HONORED.*〉

〈AN ALLIANCE WITH *THE HAND...*〉

〈...BRINGS NO HONOR.〉

〈BUT IT DOES BRING *PROFIT...*〉

〈THE CLAN YASHIDA IS NOT A... A BUSINESS!〉

〈PERHAPS NOT TO YOU, HARADA, BUT TO *US*...? IT IS VERY *MUCH* A BUSINESS--〉

〈--A BUSINESS IN NEED OF *NEW MANAGEMENT*.〉

〈ON THIS POINT, THE COUNCIL MAJORITY AGREES.〉

〈STRONGLY.〉

〈SO, UNLESS YOU CAN GIVE US A *VERY GOOD REASON*--〉

HOW 'BOUT I GIVE YA *SIX* OF 'EM?

SNIKT!

H-WHUGK--!

UGH--!

GREAT. PUKED ON MYSELF.

SO MUCH FOR MAKIN' A *BADASS ENTRANCE*...

I... WARNED YOU...

YEAH, KEEP *SMILIN'*.

I'D BE SMILIN' *TOO* IF I WAS LEAVIN'.

〈HARADA!〉

〈YOU WILL NOT *FIGHT*?! WHERE IS YOUR HONOR?〉

〈THE COUNCIL DOES NOT *NEED* MY HONOR.〉

〈PERHAPS USE YOUR *PROFITS* AGAINST HIM...?〉

I'VE HEARD LOTS O' FOLKS SAY OTHERWISE...

...BUT *KILLIN' A MAN AIN'T ALL THAT HARD.*

AN' KILLIN' A MAN THAT'S LOOKIN' TO DO THE SAME TO *YOU*?

HELL.

THAT'S *EASY.*

WHAT'S *HARD...*

BRRATT-ATT-ATT-ATT

GAH!

...IS LETTIN' THAT MAN *LIVE.*

〈WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!〉

〈IT'S JAMMED!〉

DON'T THINK THEY'VE FIGURED OUT MY *STRATEGY* YET...

...BUT HOPEFULLY, SILVER SAMURAI *HAS.*

HOPEFULLY.

〈WE'RE TRAPPED! HE'S BETWEEN US AND THE ONLY EXIT!〉

〈HOW DO WE--?〉

〈HARADA-SAN! THE ALLIANCE...IT IS NEGATED!〉

YOU'RE WELCOME.

〈NOW WILL YOU HELP US?!〉

〈NO.〉

〈BUT I WILL HELP THEM.〉

〈YOU MAY LEAVE WITH HONOR, WARRIORS OF THE CLAN YASHIDA...〉

...THE GAIJIN IS MINE.

YOU WERE FOOLISH TO COME HERE SO *UNPREPARED*, WOLVERINE...

I *CAME* HERE...

...TO ASK YOU A *FAVOR*.

YOU WANT *ME* TO DO *YOU* A *FAVOR*?

TO...

...*GIVE YOU A HAND*, SO TO SPEAK?

DON'T SUPPOSE *APOLOGIZIN'* HELPS...?

WHAT DO *YOU* THINK?

SSSNNGG

FACT IS, I *DO* FEEL BAD ABOUT WHAT I DID...

...BUT IT AIN'T LIKE HE LEFT ME ANY *CHOICE.*

KINDA LIKE *RIGHT NOW.*

DAMMIT, HARADA!

I JUST WANNA *TALK* TO YA!

KR-AKK!

GO AHEAD.

WHUDD!

TALK.

SWOKK!

DON'T LET *ME* STOP YOU...

〈STOP!〉

SKRREEEEEEECHHH--!

〈WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? DO YOU NOT KNOW WHO I--?〉

〈WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE...〉

〈...AND WE KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.〉

〈WHAT ARE YOU--?〉

〈MUCH PLANNING WAS INVOLVED IN SECURING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE CLAN YASHIDA AND THE HAND-- HE IS NOT PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE ALLOWED THESE PLANS TO FALL INTO RUIN.〉

〈WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!〉

BRRATT -ATT -ATT -ATT -ATT -ATT

IT IS DONE, MASTER.

‹AND FOR THAT...›
‹...YOU WILL BE REWARDED.›

IF YOUR GOAL IS TO DESTROY MY EMPIRE, WOLVERINE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT BETTER THAN JUST PECKING AWAY AT THE EDGES.
STILL...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

"AND WHY IS IT *TAKING* SO LONG?"

WOULD YOU *@#$&%--

--HURRY UP?!

MY APOLOGIES FOR ***DELAYING*** YOU, ***GAIJIN***--DO YOU HAVE ***OTHER*** PLANS FOR THE EVENING?

YEAH, ACTUALLY...

...I GOT A ***FRIEND*** COMIN' OVER.

STAND ASIDE, DEMON...

WOOOF!

...OR ***WHAT.***

HHHHSSSSS

AIN'T NO WAY TO TREAT A *GUEST*, HARADA...

...'SPECIALLY ONE BEARIN' *GIFTS*.

YOU KNOW BETTER'N *ANYBODY* WHAT THIS *IS*.

AN' WHAT IT CAN *DO*.

YOU READY TO HEAR THAT FAVOR *NOW*?

GOOD.

SHOW ME HOW TO USE THIS THING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT